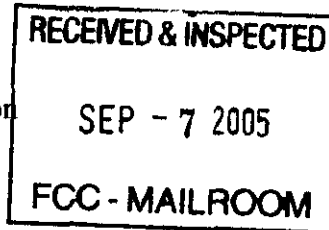


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The Federal Communications Commission
445 12th Street, SW
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Subject: Re: Federal-State Joint Board on Universal Service CC Docket 96-45 **DOCKET FILE COPY ORIGINAL**

Dear The Federal Communications Commission:

The flat-fee Universal Service Fund proposal is unfair. I urge you to oppose this plan. I am one of the millions of consumers that will be unfairly taxed at a higher rate under the flat fee plan. The flat-fee would mean a tax hike for people like me -- consumers that use prepaid cellular phones or make few long distance calls.

I support the Keep USF Fair Coalition, and monitor this issue on their website. Stopping the flat fee tax is important to my family - not to mention my pocket book. You will hear from me again, until this issue is resolved fairly! The flat-fee is unfair, and un-American.

I urge you to reject this flat-fee proposal.

Thank you.

cc: FCC Chair Kevin Martin, Congress

Sincerely,

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to read "Edward Richardson".

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Senator Wayne Allard
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